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More winter storms predicted next week

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

According to the National Weather Service, the storm system that dumped more than 8 inches of snow on Manhattan on early Thursday morning and caused the K-State campus to shut down might be just the tip of the iceberg for the Little Apple this week.



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Students walk back home after sledding around Manhattan Hill on Thursday afternoon.

A Hazardous Weather Outlook for the city that was issued on Wednesday by the NWS will remain in effect until next Wednesday. Another storm system is expected to hit Manhattan late Sunday and into Monday, but it is too early to predict how much snowfall it might bring.

Throughout Thursday afternoon, continued snowfall and patches of light, freezing rain accounted for another 2 to 3 inches of precipitation. The forecast for Friday morning predicted roughly 1 to 3 inches would accumulate after midnight.

No more snowfall is expected on Friday, but temperatures are forecasted to stay well below freezing, so roads and sidewalks will likely remain icy.

The K-State campus and university facilities are fully operational today. In a statement on its website, K-State advised employees and students with safety concerns to check with their supervisors and instructors.

Eighteen63's plans dampened yet again

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

The winter storm that dumped snow throughout the Midwest on Thursday and closed all K-State campuses has also forced Aggieville bar Eighteen63 to delay its grand reopening, according to owner Richard Galli.

Eighteen63 has been closed since Jan. 26, when a sensor was knocked loose on a fire sprinkler head, causing a leak that dumped 30 to 50 gallons of water per minute into the bar for nearly half an hour.

"We were planning on having the reopening [today], but a lot of equipment and furniture that we expected to come in was held up by the storm," Galli said. "It's just one thing after another, it seems."

Galli said shipments of booths, coolers, televisions and artwork for the restaurant were en route to Manhattan, but Winter Storm Q had other plans. Galli mentioned that a shipment of glassware that is stuck in Wichita is of particular importance.

"We were only going to be about 65 to 75 percent done with everything if we opened anyway," he said. "But you can't really open without the glassware."

Galli said the grand reopening was planned to involve giveaways, food and drink specials, a DJ and an appearance from the distillers of Most Wanted liquors, who were expected to conduct giveaways of their own.

According to Galli, Eighteen63's new plan is to reopen next Thursday.

The bar's misfortune began when a group of after-hours partiers in the loft apartments on the second floor damaged a fire sprinkler head in a hallway. The ensuing leak destroyed a majority of the restaurant's ceiling tiles and floorboards, damaged electrical wiring, coolers, and TVs, and shattered glassware and liquor bottles.

In the rebuilding process, Galli said Eighteen63 used materials that would be more resistant to such an accident if it were to occur again.

"The old floorboards had space underneath, and water just kind of puddled up," he said. "The new stuff is tile with mortar, so there's no way water can get underneath. We've also got covers over the TVs. If something like this ever happens again, hopefully we won't be down quite as long."

Galli said he's excited to reopen and put the flood damage in the past.

"It will be nice when we can finally get it open and running again," he said. "Hopefully, nothing else comes up and we will be able to stay open for good this time."



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Smiling and laughing as they slide down the hill between Willard and Waters Halls, Alexis Leiker, freshman in public relations, sits on Spencer Smith, freshman in animal sciences and indust, as they enjoy a rare snow day on Thursday. Students used anything they could find as make-shift sleds, including inflatable pool toys, cardboard and trays from K-State dining halls.

Students react to snow day, campus reopening

Andy Rao
editor-in-chief

Just three weeks after Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog "predicted" an early spring for this year, the Little Apple was blasted with over 8 inches of snow and wintry mix.

"We're preparing for 1 to 3 more inches of snow tonight on top of what we have already had," said Jason Hilgers, assistant city manager, on Thursday afternoon. "We're out right now and will be working continuously to make sure that the roads are as clear as we can get them."

Although forecasts predicted that more than 10 inches would accumulate this morning, K-State Alerts released a statement Thursday confirming that

classes would resume on Friday and encouraged students, faculty and staff to "use their best judgment to ensure their safety."

Audrey Trowbridge, junior in secondary education, said she felt that officials rushed their decision on whether or not to open facilities on Friday.

"I think the university announced it too soon. They should have waited until the morning to see what the conditions were like," Trowbridge said on Thursday afternoon. "I feel like President Schulz felt like he had to make a decision much quicker because he got hounded over Twitter so much."

University president Kirk Schulz, who received 38 tweets from students related to weather in the span of 8 hours on Thursday afternoon, announced at

2:12 p.m. that the Manhattan K-State campus would be "open and operational" on Friday.

"I don't think it was smart to call it that early," Trowbridge said. "I've driven from the north side to the south side of town today and I've only seen one truck all day. College Avenue was hardly touched at around 2:30. I don't think the city has done a good job at all with cleanup."

Hilgers, however, refuted claims of inaction, saying that each of the city's 15 snowplowing trucks is on the job.

"We're going full-force ahead and have been since the storm started," he said. "The trucks operate on 12-hour shifts so we have guys out there con-

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Manhattan residents well-prepared for snowstorm



Nicolas Wahl
staff writer

As of 7 p.m. on Wednesday, hardly a snowflake had fallen across Manhattan. There were a few flurries earlier in the afternoon, but nothing that could be considered accumulation. Still, that did not stop Manhattan residents and K-State students from preparing for the forecasted blizzard.

Rumors began spreading around campus that the next day's classes would be cancelled as early as 10 a.m. Wednesday. By mid-afternoon, the university officially announced that the Manhattan and Salina cam-

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Patrick Barry, of Fort Riley, walks out of Rickel-McMillin Liquor on Wednesday night with a 30-pack of Bud Light. Many Manhattan stores were busy Wednesday while residents prepared for the storm, which dumped more than 8 inches of snow on the city.



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
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Mother Nature better release her fury on Manhattan just as violently as she does on me every month. I want this snow day more than I want chocolate right now.

It took 10 minutes to get out of the parking garage this morning. Ain't nobody got gas for that!

Bring on the snow.

For the record, the plural of "Tour de France" is "Tours de France."

Having to work on snow days...
If I had a nickel for all of the times I've lost something, I would have zero nickels because I would lose them all.

To the guy riding around the Kramer tennis courts doing BMX tricks, you are the baddest of asses.

From 1 p.m. on yesterday, all I heard was "Snowmageddon."

Holy cow, it's so cold outside the liberals have their hands in their own pockets!

I completely ate it on my way to class this morning, and all I could think was, "And that, of course, is our MXC Impact Replay!"

I think this whole Harlem Shake fad is pretty dumb, but if you want to make an impressive one, do it during the snowstorm.

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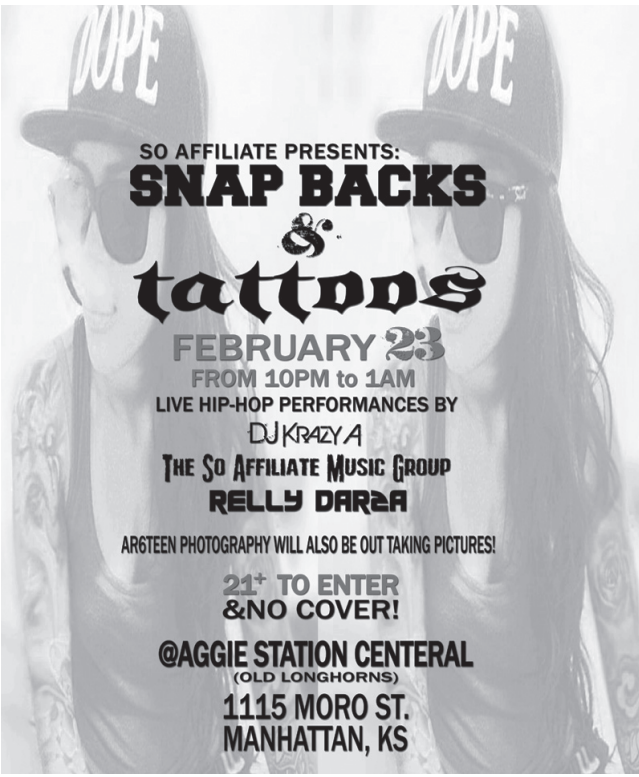


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Religion: road to fulfillment or age-old contradiction?

Religious faith bolsters happiness, health of followers; atheism is flawed



Sigmund Freud counted himself an enemy of theistic belief. “When a man is freed of religion,” Freud once declared, “he has a better chance to live a normal and wholesome life.”

Recently, however, several studies have examined the role that theism plays in the lives of believers. These suggest that Freud, had he gone through the trouble of actually testing his claims, might have reached a different conclusion.

In a 2006 paper titled “Deliver us from evil: Religion as insurance,” researchers Andrew Clark and Orsolya Lelkes surveyed hundreds of studies on the effects of faith. Speaking at a 2008 Royal Economic Society conference, they argued that those who believe in God are happier than those who do not. Their research showed that activities like praying and attending worship serve to bolster well-being. Moreover, they found that atheists suffer more psychological damage from the divorce or death of a partner than theists – the opposite of what Freud anticipated.

When a study attributes benefits to faith, atheists commonly respond by alleging that the benefits are actually coming from some correlation of faith. For example, religious people tend to have more friends and smoke less. This rebuttal constitutes a kind of concession to theism, as it implies that something about belief in God promotes healthy behaviors. Regardless, the point is moot: researchers have tested for these factors – and when they do, the results become even more compelling.

Consider a five-year study by David Campbell and Robert Putnam, which shows that



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people who attend religious services are more inclined to be “neighborly” than those who don’t. Or, in the words of Toby Young in a Nov. 16, 2010, Telegraph article, “Religious people are actually much nicer than atheists.”

Not only did the authors control for one’s number of friends, but they discovered that, in their own words, “While having more friends is, for civic purposes, better than having fewer friends, what matters most is having friends within a religious congregation.” The study showed that Americans who regularly attend worship services volunteer for the poor and elderly more than their less devout peers. It even found that religious Americans donate more to secular charities than secular Americans.

Similarly, a seven-year follow-up to the 1987 National Health Interview survey conducted partly at the University of Colorado at Boulder controlled for education, income, marital status, number of friends, number of relatives, smoking, alcohol use and broad indexes of health and behavior. It found that people who never attended religious services had an 87 percent higher risk of dying during the follow-up

period, giving the religious, on average, about seven additional years of life.

Atheists who admit that faith provides benefits may still contend that they are not relevant to the truth of theism. It’s difficult to imagine, however, a useful concept of truth that ignores the results a claim produces in actual practice. Had these studies found that holding atheist beliefs makes one happier and healthier, atheists certainly would not hesitate to hold them up as a validation of their worldview.

William James, a 19th-century American philosopher, argued that certain beliefs must be held before one can obtain the evidence that they are true. For example, if you refuse to engage in friendship with others until they’ve first proven themselves as your friends, you are unlikely to make many friends. Likewise, James said of theism that “evidence might be forever withheld from us unless we met the hypothesis half-way.” Recent research reveals that this evidence manifests in the lives of those who believe.

At a Feb. 1 debate on theism at Purdue University, prominent atheist Alex Rosenberg concluded his argument by

Atheism based on scientific evidence, can still offer spiritual fulfillment



What do you first think when you hear about atheism? Is it good or bad? Are atheists spiritual? Well, first of all, atheism is neither good nor bad; it’s just a belief that God does not exist. Similarly, agnosticism is an uncertainty in the existence of God. Atheism is not separate from spirituality, either. This is a free country; anyone can be atheist or agnostic if they want to be.

Is there any evidence not to believe in God? If you interpret the Bible literally, a belief in evolution and a belief in Christianity are mutually exclusive. Most atheists think that evolution is an unquestionable fact and much evidence exists to reinforce that belief. However, just because you believe in evolution doesn’t mean that you’re an atheist. Knowing and believing are two different things, and it de-

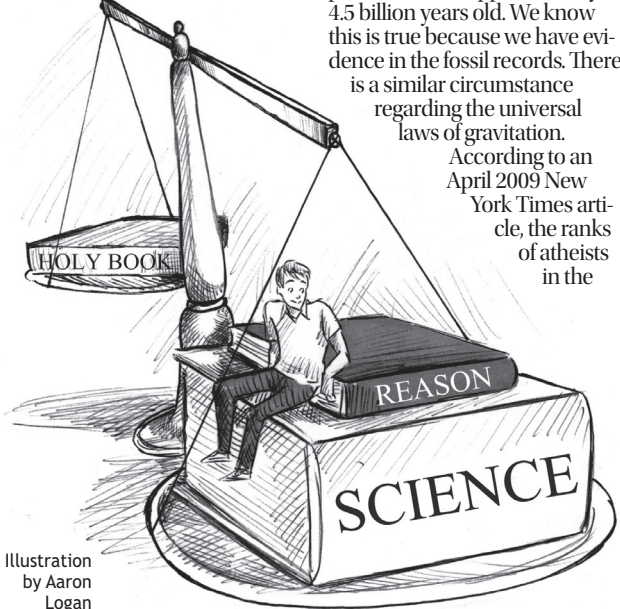


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pends on each person’s mindset.

But which mentality is “right”? Is there the same amount of evidence for believing in God as there is for believing in evolution? If you believe in God no matter what the evidence is, it’s because you want to believe. It has nothing to do with the facts or evidence.

Trying to decide which religion is right and which is wrong is an undeniable waste of time. For example, if you were born in India in a Hindu family, you’d believe in Hinduism, and if you were born in a Buddhist family, you’d be a Buddhist. It depends on where you grew up and what you were taught to believe.

Nonetheless, the question still remains: what should I believe in? There’s nothing wrong with not believing in God. Just because you don’t believe in God doesn’t mean you have an absence of faith or spirituality in your life. Science is something that is just as strong as religion. You can have faith in it and use it to make sense of the world. It’s the best tool we have that allows us to be able to come to terms with the future as well as the past.

I think believing in something because of evidence is practical and rational. For example, the earth is approximately 4.5 billion years old. We know this is true because we have evidence in the fossil records. There is a similar circumstance regarding the universal laws of gravitation. According to an April 2009 New York Times article, the ranks of atheists in the

United States may be increasing. The American Religious Identification Survey, a major study released in March 2009, found that those who claimed “no religion” were the only religious demographic group that grew in all 50 states in the last 18 years. Nationally, the amount of people who answered “none” on the survey nearly doubled, from 8 percent in 1990 to 15 percent in 2008. In South Carolina, the amount more than tripled, from 3 percent to 10 percent. It’s worth noting, however, that not all of the people who answered “none” are committed atheists or agnostics.

A Gallup poll conducted in 2012, based on interviews with 50,000 people from 57 countries and five continents, noted that religiosity is declining worldwide while atheism and non-belief are increasing. Religiosity has fallen by 13 percent since 2005, while the number of atheists has almost doubled. The U.S., France, U.K., Ireland, Canada and Vietnam are included in the top 10 countries that have experienced a “notable decline in religiosity” since 2005.

The word “spirituality” is most often heard in the context of religion. But in my opinion, “spirituality” is also nonreligious. For example, you can be spiritual through meditation. It is a mental exercise to give the mind relief from tension and stress, and at the same time, it improves thinking capacity.

Meditating or doing yoga doesn’t mean praying to some sort of Creator. Many people misunderstand what spirituality is because they believe spirituality means involvement of religion, spirits or souls. However, spirituality is something separate from religion. Being spiritual means experiencing the beauty of nature, self-love and transcendental love. This is a different way of experiencing the world around us.

Atheists can be spiritual. I believe that most atheists are spiritual. I think that being an atheist and following a spiritual path would be helpful in terms

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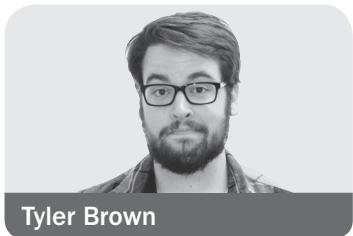
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Black superheroes in comics: past, present & future



This month, we're meant to look back at the institutional inequality that African-Americans have had to deal with for centuries. However, we should also look forward. With that in mind, here's a look at the portrayal of black superheroes in the medium of comics in the past, present, and future.

The 1960s
1966: A new character by the name of Black Panther appeared in Marvel Comics' "Fantastic Four" #52. Also known as T'Challa, he's the ruler of the fictional advanced African nation of Wakanda. Black Panther was so popular that he's still an important Marvel character and Avenger to this day.
1969: Marvel's Captain America got a cohort in Sam Wilson, aka Falcon. Greater than any sidekick, Falcon even shared equal billing on the cover for some time. Yes, with his flight-enabling wings and ability to speak to birds, Falcon was set up to be a great role model. However, writers made a misstep when they revealed that in Wilson's ex-life, he was a thug from the streets named "Snap" Wilson. Falcon still remained a popular character and continues to today as a member of The Avengers. Actor Anthony Mackie is set to portray Falcon in "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" next year.

The 1970s
1971: DC Comics decided that it was time for the Green Lantern, Hal Jordan, to get some new backup. Black architect and ex-Marine John Stewart was chosen to don an emerald power ring and, in turn, help DC Comics tackle racial issues (although not always tactfully). Stewart continues to be a prominent Green Lantern to this day and was even the chief Green Lantern in Warner Bros.' "Justice League" cartoon.
1972: Marvel made an interesting move when writer Archie Goodwin and artist John Romita Sr. created Power Man, the star of "Luke Cage, Hero for Hire," who had super strength and unbreakable skin. In

his origin, Cage is framed for a crime and barters for parole by agreeing to undergo experimentation that gives him his powers. Luke Cage is an important character in history as the first African-American superhero to star in his own comic.
1975: The X-Men had a shake-up in a giant-sized annual where they inducted new members from all over the world. One of these new Marvel members was the incredibly popular Ororo Munroe, aka Storm. Originally born in Harlem to an interracial couple, Munroe was later orphaned in Egypt when both parents were killed during the Suez Crisis. Growing up on the streets, Storm later leaves for the Serengeti and is worshiped as a goddess for her ability to control the weather before Charles Xavier finds and recruits her. Still active, Storm has returned to her mohawked look and is currently the headmistress at The Jean Grey School of Higher Learning.
1979: One character enjoying a modern surge in cinematic popularity is War Machine, who made his debut in Marvel's "Iron Man." Played by Don Cheadle in "Iron Man 2," James "Rhodey" Rhodes acts as Tony Stark's personal pilot and friend. Eventually, Rhodes even dons the Iron Man armor when Tony relapsed into alcoholism. It's not until 1992 that Rhodes dons his own weaponized armor as War Machine. Cheadle is reprising the role in this summer's "Iron Man 3."
The 1990s
1993: Many African-American writers and artists who felt that minorities were underrepresented in comics came together to create Milestone Media. Although the comics were distributed by DC Comics, they took place in a different universe. The most notable characters to come out of Milestone were right-wing Icon and liberal sidekick Rocket, as well as Static, who has electromagnetic powers. Eventually, Warner Bros. greenlit the Saturday morning cartoon "Static Shock." DC Comics later melded the Milestone universe with their own and Static recently had a second short-lived solo series.
1997: Eight well-known Marvel creators got fed up with the company and made their own publishing house, called Image Comics. From there, Todd McFarlane created Spawn, the alter-ego of mercenary Al Simmons, who had finally punched his ticket and was sent to Hell. Later, Simmons reemerged as a Hellspawn,

fighting crime, heaven, and his keepers in hell. The character's popularity launched his own toy line, a movie and an HBO animated series.
The present
2011: Writer Brian Michael Bendis caused an outcry among comic book fans for doing the impossible when he succeeded in killing teenage Peter Parker in Marvel's Ultimate line of comics. Bendis created a replacement in the form of Miles Morales, a half-black, half-Hispanic teen. Although some cried foul, Morales' book, "Ultimate Comics Spider-Man," has been backed by a consistent creative team and readership.
At this point in the article, you may have noticed that Marvel Comics have dominated the front of championing black superheroes. This is mostly true, and DC Comics isn't doing anything to help themselves. Although Green Lantern John Stewart has remained untouched, DC has rewritten the backgrounds of many of its other prominent black superheroes thanks to the company's "New 52" publishing push that rebooted the universe.
One character to suffer from the reboot is Black Lightning. In 1977, DC Comics introduced Jefferson Pierce, a gold-winning Olympic decathlete who returned to his home slum in Metropolis to become the principal of a high school. Angered by the murder of one of his more promising students, Pierce takes up the mantle of Black Lightning, unleashing his power to control electricity on those who would wrong others. In the "New 52" continuity, Black Lightning has reappeared as a younger version, and it's uncertain if he has the same background.
Cyborg is another DC character affected by the "New 52" reboot, in both good and bad ways. Although DC has only tweaked his origin, Victor Stone's long history as a Teen Titan and member of the Justice League have been erased. Now, Stone is a founding member of the Justice League. Unfortunately, he hasn't had much to do. Using his technological prosthetics, Cyborg creates "boom tubes" for the team to travel, but besides that, he has really just been hanging around headquarters.
Clearly, prominent black superheroes haven't exactly had the greatest chances in the comics industry. While some like Falcon are getting their cinematic debuts, many question why Marvel still isn't planning a



Storm, a staple of Marvel Comics' "X-Men," was created in 1979. Storm was born as Ororo Munroe in Harlem to an interracial couple who later died in Egypt during the Suez Crisis. When Charles Xavier located her, she was being worshiped as a goddess in the Serengeti.

Black Panther movie. Do the studio execs really find it easier for audiences to believe in advanced alien gods in "Thor" rather than a high-tech Batman who rules an advanced African nation?
Many have criticized "The Avengers," which became the third highest-grossing film of all time last year, because everyone on the team is white. Some may find this an odd critique, but imagine a small child of color seeing the film. Sure, they may look up to the heroes and be a fan, but there's no hero that they can imagine themselves becoming one day. Sadly, from the rumored "Justice League" movie line-up, it doesn't look like we'll see a variation in skin color there either.
So what is it that makes these characters successful? The obvious answer is that they've grown stronger backgrounds and personalities through years of continuity and the work of various writers. But that's not the case for newer characters.
We saw this trend begin with Milestone Media's Icon and Rocket. Now, it has grown as Bendis has crafted a compelling protagonist in Miles Morales that just so happens to be bi-racial. It's a part of his character, but it isn't who Morales is as a person. We need more characters of color who have depth to them and whose attitudes aren't defined by the color of their skin.
As a nation, we've clearly got some progress to make when it comes to the acceptance of African-American superheroes in our pop culture. When it comes to comics, I'd suggest checking out Bendis' "Ultimate Comics Spider-Man" for a believable, modern black protagonist.

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PREPARE | Snow day means spike in sales for supermarkets, liquor stores

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pushes would, in fact, be closed on Thursday.

Dubbed Winter Storm Q by the Weather Channel, the blizzard was expected to make its way through the Manhattan area beginning around 7 p.m. Wednesday night and continue through Thursday. On Wednesday, The National Weather Service predicted between 12 and 18 inches of snow during that time period.

However, not everyone in town planned on closing up shop. Plenty of local businesses expected a spike in sales due to the weather, and others had already felt the storm's effect on local patrons.

"It's been pretty steady since about 3," said Christine Thompson, clerk at Ray's Apple

Market, on Wednesday. "Usually people will come in and buy individual bottles of water, or canned food, but today they are buying the large packs and enormous amounts of canned food. A lot of people have been buying candles as well."

Drew Walters, senior in sociology and bartender at Rock-A-Belly Bar and Deli, said that he would make preparations for the storm as soon as he got off work that evening.

"Toilet paper, some food that you don't have to cook in case the power goes out, that kind of thing," Walters said of the provisions he intended to stock up on.

Supermarkets were not the only local retailers taking notice of the situation. With over 20,000 college students receiving an unexpected day

off, liquor store employees saw a dramatic surge in sales.

"Our manager said that we started getting slammed as soon as we opened," said Sheldon Wilson, cashier at Rickel's Retail Liquor, on Wednesday afternoon. "Then after 1 is when she said we started getting really busy."

However, not all K-Staters spent the time off partying. Nathan Roth, junior in athletic training and cashier at Rickel's, said he planned to brush up on some studies.

"I've got tests all next week, so I'm probably just going to enjoy the time off, have a few beers and look over a study guide," he said. "I'm gonna have a good time tonight though, by all means. I just have to catch up on some studying on my day off. That's for sure."

Many K-State students probably don't recall a significant winter storm that blew through Manhattan around five years ago, but Megan Norman, employee at Kite's Bar and Grill and senior in dietetics, remembers it well.

Right before finals week during the fall semester of 2007, Manhattan took on a crystalline appearance as the city and campus were sheathed in ice. Many were left without power for up to a week. Left either to bundle up in their living rooms or try and search elsewhere for warmth, students flocked in droves to Aggieville, which regained power sooner than the surrounding area.

"I just remember being out of power for so long," Norman said. "Your house gets really

cold. You don't have generators, so your refrigerator doesn't work and you don't have food. The closest place you could go was Aggieville. You knew it would be warm."

Norman said she remembers Aggieville businesses being so packed that she had to try multiple locations before finding a spot that had room.

"It was pretty fun though," she said.

Norman described how the drinks and company lifted the spirits of those students trying to get out of the cold.

"Everyone I've talked to is already making plans for tonight and tomorrow, since they called class off the day before and not the morning of," she said on Wednesday.

Norman's managers and owners at Kite's were already

making calls to employees, trying to bring in extra staff for the next day. Kite's bartender Jake Westervelt, senior in social science, had already received a call from his bosses earlier in the day.

"They're just expecting it to be pretty packed," he said. "They've been calling and texting everyone asking if they could come in. I'm sure it's going to be pretty crazy with school being called off."

Westervelt believed that the action would begin on Wednesday night and continue Thursday.

"I think it is going start pretty early tonight and then go on into the next day," he said. "I mean, I get off at 9 tonight and I'm pretty excited to get out and have some fun tonight too."

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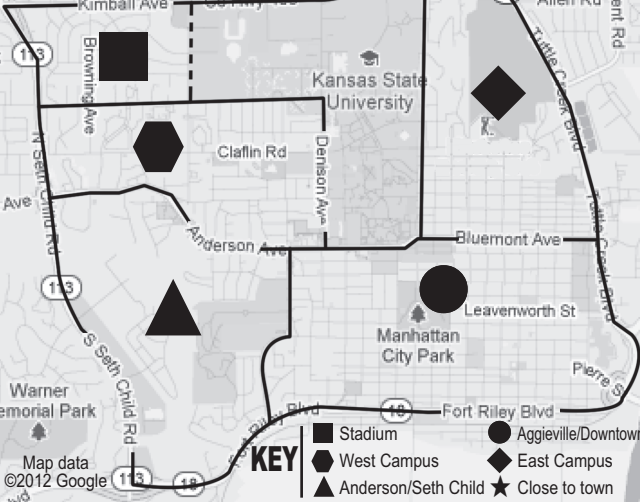
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FAITH | Needs of atheists not met by worldview

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telling listeners, "Believe if you want to. Have faith in Jesus Christ if you need to." Statements like these seem to grant that believing in God offers benefits while also asserting that atheists somehow do not need faith to get them. However, the data consistently suggests that this is not the case. Atheists, by all indications, are less happy and healthy than believers.

It warrants mentioning that many studies, like a famous 2010 Pew Forum survey, show that atheists also tend to be very well-read and intelligent. My own conversations with atheists, of whom I know several, have certainly affirmed as much.

Ultimately, atheists are limited by the same basic human needs as you and I, and they have a worldview that leaves one of these needs unmet. It's the freedom religion gives us, it turns out, that truly gives us the best chance at a wholesome life.

Ian Huyett is a senior in political science and anthropology. Please send comments to opinion@kstatecollegian.com.

REACT | City's 15 snowplows worked continuously Thursday



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Dancing in their bikinis, Annie Wilcoxon, freshman in hotel and restaurant management, and Gabby Klobucar, freshman in journalism, brave the cold to celebrate a snow day on Thursday behind Boyd Hall. Campus was closed Thursday after the area received more than 8 inches of snow.



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Snowflakes gathered on the eyelashes of Danielle Stuerman, freshman in animal sciences and industry, while she played in the snow in front of Goodnow Hall on Thursday.



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Strong Complex residents peek out of an igloo they made out of a snow pile on Thursday. Students built igloos and sledded down hills on their unexpected day off.

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stantly taking care of what has accumulated so far."

Although Hilgers acknowledged that inner roads and residential streets had not all been cleared on Thursday afternoon, he said the city's priority was to make sure that snowplows attended to streets with the most traffic first.

Hilgers said that the city planned to have all main roads cleared by midnight on Thursday. Aggieville and residential streets would be cleared overnight and in the early hours of Friday morning.

Although some students' spirits were somewhat dampened after hearing that classes resumed on Friday, many took full advantage of their day off.

"Our whole floor has kind of been relaxing, playing games, watching movies and just hanging out," said Eric Brown, sophomore in mechanical engineering and Goodnow Hall resident. "Some people even went outside and played football, and other people caught up on laundry and chores that we were behind on."

Brown, a Texas native, said that his snow day in college was vastly different from the ones that he experienced in high school.

"When we had snow days back home, it was a lot different because you didn't have as much to do. You were kind of stuck in the house by yourself," Brown said. "Here, we can hang out with friends and just kind of relax with company. There are more options to have a good time."

While some enjoyed a break from classes and work, others thanked the wonders of the Internet and computers for robbing them of their snow day.

"I'm taking intermediate microeconomics online and I had to finish an online test today," said Chris

Cook, junior in finance, on Thursday afternoon. "It sucked having to take care of schoolwork while everyone else was relaxing, but I had to take care of my responsibilities."

Cook said that having to do online work on a snow day was discouraging, but using K-State Online could be useful for situations like today's.

"I feel like conditions aren't going to be completely safe for students tomorrow, and some teachers might cancel classes," Cook said. "If they could assign work online, we wouldn't have to go to class but we would still be able to be productive."



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The Collegian Guide to Weekend Food and Drink Specials
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| THIS WEEK'S DEALS | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  <p>(785) 320-5590 718 N. Manhattan Ave.</p> | \$1.50 Bombs \$1.50 Wells \$3.50 32oz Wells | \$1.50 Bombs \$1.50 Wells \$3.50 32oz Wells | \$1.50 Bombs \$1.50 Wells \$3.50 32oz Wells |
|  <p>(785) 320-7377 1344 Westloop</p> | \$8 Domestic Buckets \$5 Burger Basket w/ Fries 1/2 Price Drinks 1pm-3pm | \$2.50 Domestic Pints \$3 Imports \$6 Pulled Pork Sandwich with Fries 1/2 Price Drinks 1pm-3pm | \$2.50 Pounders All Day 1/2 Priced Appetizers 1/2 Price Drinks 1pm-3pm |
|  <p>1206 Moro (785) 320-7664</p> | \$1.50 Bottles | Ladies Night! | Happy Hour 7 pm - 10 pm 99¢ Keystone Pints |
|  <p>317 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502 (785) 776-2119</p> | \$6.25 60 oz. Domestic Pitchers \$1 Mini Bombs | \$2 Rum & Pepsi \$4.50 32 oz. Draws \$1 Mini Bombs | \$4.50 32 oz. Draws \$1 Mini Bombs |
|  <p>(785) 539-9393 608 N. 12th St.</p> | \$10.99 Steak Night \$5.50 Carafes of Sangria | \$4.50 Pat O'Brien Hurricanes Seafood Fridays *check it out at hibachihut.com | Herb Crusted Prime Rib After 5pm \$4.50 Long Island Iced Teas |
|  <p>(785) 320-5590 1218 1/2 Moro St.</p> | "DOLLAR NIGHT" 18 To Enter | \$1 Draws 10pm - 12am Discount with Student ID | \$1 Draws 10pm - 12am Discount with Student ID |
|  <p>(785) 238-7571 1330 Grant, Junction City</p> | Happy Hour 7:30 - 11:00 pm All alcohol 1/2 price | 7:30 - 9:30 pm Free admission with KSU Student ID & Driver's License (21+) | 7:30 - 9:30 pm Free admission with Military ID (21+) |
|  | \$1.75 Domestic Draws \$2 All Bottles | \$3 Domestic Pints \$2.50 Highlife & Busch Light Bottles | Come see us for the game! |
|  <p>(785) 537-7151 (785) 537-7151 706 N. Manhattan Ave. 06 N. Manhattan Ave.</p> | 50¢ Tacos \$2 any pint \$2 bombs | \$3 Boulevard Pints Try a Boulevard Burger | Come see us for the game! |
|  <p>1222 Moro St. (785) 320-5590</p> | \$1.50 Shots \$1.50 Bottles Everyday | \$1.50 Shots \$1.50 Bottles Everyday | \$1.50 Shots \$1.50 Bottles Everyday |
|  <p>Thursday: 8pm - 10:30pm Friday: 11pm - 2 am Saturday: 11pm - 2 am 1120 Moro St. 785-320-7768</p> | \$1.50 Wells General Tso's Chicken \$7.95 Sesame Chicken \$7.95 Super fast service & low prices! | \$1.50 Wells General Tso's Chicken \$7.95 Sesame Chicken \$7.95 Super fast service & low prices! | \$1.50 Wells General Tso's Chicken \$7.95 Sesame Chicken \$7.95 Super fast service & low prices! |